



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5604

February Session, 2004

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AN ACT CONCERNING SHELTER FOR ANIMALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 53-247 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (a) Any person who overdrives, drives when overloaded,
5 overworks, tortures, deprives of necessary sustenance, mutilates or
6 cruelly beats or kills or unjustifiably injures any animal, or who,
7 having impounded or confined any animal, fails to give such animal
8 proper care or neglects to cage or restrain any such animal from doing
9 injury to itself or to another animal or fails to supply any such animal
10 with wholesome air, food and water, or unjustifiably administers any
11 poisonous or noxious drug or substance to any domestic animal or
12 unjustifiably exposes any such drug or substance, with intent that the
13 same shall be taken by an animal, or causes it to be done, or, having
14 charge or custody of any animal, inflicts cruelty upon it or fails to
15 provide it with proper food, drink or protection from the weather or
16 abandons it or carries it or causes it to be carried in a cruel manner, or
17 fights with or baits, harasses or worries any animal for the purpose of
18 making it perform for amusement, diversion or exhibition, shall be
19 fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than
20 one year or both. For the purposes of this subsection, proper protection

21 from the weather shall be determined by weather conditions and
22 characteristics of the animal, and shall require housing or other shelter
23 with specific features if necessary; "weather conditions" include
24 climate, cold, heat, wind, precipitation, moisture and direct rays of the
25 sun; and "characteristics of the animal" include the species, breed, age,
26 size, weight, overall physical condition and health of the animal.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2004

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*